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To: Hollie Swanson, Chair, Senate Council
From: Davy Jones, Chair, Senate Rules and Elections Committee

The Senate Rules and Elections Committee here submits the following matters to the Senate Council.

The SREC interprets Senate Rule 5.2.4.6 as follows, and it recommends that the Senate Council promulgate this interpretation:

Senate Rule 5.2.4.6 (“Dead Week”), which states that instructors shall not administer exams during the five-day period before the fall semester and spring semester final exams and during the three-day period before final exams of the 8 week summer session and 4 week summer term, applies to ALL courses,* including those taught in a format that has been compressed into less than one semester, term, or session.

*** The rule does not apply to courses in professional programs in colleges that have University Senate approval to follow a nonstandard calendar, as authorized in Senate Rule 2.1.1(I).**

The SREC also interprets that the ‘three final exams in one day/reschedule’ provisions of SR 5.2.4.7 apply only to courses for which the Registrar has published a schedule for the final examination, including distance learning courses for which the Registrar has published a final exam schedule. The provisions do not apply, for example, when students have three final exams in one day at the eight-week point of a regular semester.

The SREC finds that the current Senate Rules do not adequately address the issue of how the ‘three final exams in one day/reschedule’ provisions of SR 5.2.4.7 apply to “accelerated” courses that are not taught during periods of traditional semesters, terms or sessions, and the SREC recommends that the Senate Council discuss and address (or choose not to address) this situation.

The SREC also recommends that, until such time as the University Senate acts on the issues described above, the Senate Council act for the University Senate to establish a new policy, effective immediately, that the dates of the final exams of “accelerated” courses must be published in the Registrar’s schedule of courses, so that students may plan their schedules accordingly.